

# PAW PRINTS

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MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL

## Making School a Priority

With spring here, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Keep these simple ideas in mind and they're useful at any time of the year.

### **Make attendance job #1.**

Let your youngsters know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school

breaks. *Tip:* Give awards for perfect attendance each month. Try a "Job Well Done" certificate or a coupon good for a night of bowling or a movie.

**Show you care.** Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after-school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have baseball practice this

evening, but homework comes first. After you finish, I'll take you to practice."

**Keep it upbeat.** Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your own day has been difficult. Instead of saying, "I had a hard day at work. I'll never get my project done," try, "Work was hard today, but I made some progress on my project." If you show a positive attitude about your work, your youngsters may feel better about their own.

## Accelerated Reader Contest

Mount Pleasant School will hold an Accelerated Reader School Wide Contest from March 10th to May 23rd. The classroom that has the most participation along with the most pass-

ing test of 85% or higher will earn a surprise half day fun filled trip and a small gift for their teacher. The second classroom winner will receive McDonald's happy meal tickets for

each child. Read, Read, Read, and your classroom could win!

Mrs. McMahon

~ Librarian



**Don't forget.....  
Class picture day  
is Monday, April 14th.**

### **Special points of interest:**

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- PTA News
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- Students of the Month

## Monthly Theme

Dear Parents,

Mt. Pleasant's monthly school theme for April is "Helping Hands" (being helpful).

To promote this theme, we will have a contest between classrooms to see in which classrooms students can be the most helpful to one another. Each classroom teacher will have a jar and jelly beans. Whenever a staff member sees a child being helpful, they will give them a jelly bean to add to the jar. Each week we will tally the number of jelly beans in each jar, and at the end of the month (before spring break) the 3 classes (1 class from K-1, 1 class in grades 2-3, and 1 class in grades 4-5) with the most jelly beans will have the privilege of participating in a movie afternoon and popcorn in our last contest, "Kindness Counts" in February, the 2 winning classes with the most acts of kindness were Ms. Elliott's kindergarten class and Mrs. Minklei's fourth grade class. They were treated to a parfait party. Congratulations to them for having the most acts of kindness. Now let's find out which classes have the most helpful students!

Susan Brozina

School Counselor



"It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice".  
~ Sarah Hughes

## PTA News

*"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, and civilization work."*

~ Vince Lombardi

Book Fair is the week of April 7th—11th and this is our buy one get one free event. The May PTA meeting will be on May 13th at 6:30pm, we need as many people as possible as this is our election meeting. The term of president, vice presi-

dent, and secretary are up and elections will be held then. This is a great time for change and new ideas, so please attend. Student Appreciation Day is now set for June 20th, please make the date on the calendar and think about vol-

unteering for the day. The kids have a great time and love to have someone from home there.

Ms. Wanda Riveria  
PTA President



## All City Chorus, Band & Jazz



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Millville All City Program on Tuesday, February 25th:

All City Band: Sarah Kelly, Cassidy Miller, Ashley Burkey, William Shea, Destinee Hawkins, Alexandra Kazan, Cameron Burkett, Avi-

ana McIntosh, and Aneesa Milbourne.

All City Jazz Band: Alexandra Kazan and Cameron Burkett

All City Chorus: Alyssa Davis, Rebeca Fomich, Ella Gamber, Syr Hadley, Karli Jones, Alexandra Kazan, Jamie Knott, Mackenzie Macy, Kassidy McLoone,

Aneesa Milbourne, Aidan Miller, Cassidy Miller, Wesley Morgan, Oivia Scarpulla, Jayme Sooy, Tanasia Stevenson, Aaniyah Street, and Ewan Wickward.

~ Ms. Andrea Dixon  
Music Teacher

## After-school Chats

"What's in the backpack?" Greet your child with this question, and discover a lot about what she does in class.

Set aside time each day to go through her papers. Try to do it first thing after school when her day is

fresh in her mind.

Look over your youngster's work together. Help her feel proud by making a specific comment about something she's done.

For instance, if she shows you a picture she drew in art class, you might say, "The gray sky and big

waves look just like our rainy day at the beach."

Have her talk through math problems or science experiments to show you what she's learned. She might explain how she finds the perimeter of a triangle or why ants dig tunnels, for example.



"Together Everyone Achieves More."

## Student Council News

### Pizza Bingo

What a wonderful family night! Pizza Bingo was a fun night of prizes.

Thank you to those who made this night a success, PTA for coming out and helping out. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lee Cox for all of years of bingo calling. Mr. Cox has decided that this was his last year as being our bingo caller. We will truly miss him and all his crazy bingo calling ways. Thanks to all!



### Jelly Bean Contest

On April 16th, Student Council members will hold its annual Jelly Bean Contest. All students will have the opportunity to participate in the contest. The canister of jelly beans will be brought to your child's homeroom during the week of April 14th. Students may guess on the number of jelly beans in the canister and the student with the closest guess will be the winner of the canister. Good Luck to all!

### Just a Reminder....

Student Council's pasta drive is still taking place. Please help and send in a can of spaghetti sauce or a box of pasta. All donations will be given to Cumberland County Homeless Shelter. Our goal is to feed 500 people.

Thanks,  
Student Council



**"All your dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them."**  
~ Walt Disney

## Mt. Pleasant Testing Schedule 2014

Grade 3– NJ ASK 3

Grade 4– NJ ASK 4

Grade 5– NJ ASK 5

Make-up Testing for grades 3&5

Make-up Testing for grades 3,4,&5

Monday– Thursday, May 12-15

Monday– Friday, May 12-16

Monday-Thursday, May 12-15

Friday, May 16

Monday-Friday, May 19-23



Please note that Olympic Day is Friday, May 23rd. If a student's make-up testing is not completed by this date, they are required to finish testing and will not be permitted to attend Olympic Day.

## Box Tops/Campbell's Soup Contest

Mrs. Fabianovicz's 2nd grade class is still in 1st place in the Box Tops/Campbell's soup contest. Have family and friends collect and save those box tops, Campbell's Soup labels, ink jet cartridges, or Tyson A+ labels for you to bring to school. Be sure to put them in an envelope with your name and/or teacher's name so your class will get credit. The standings throughout the school are the following:

Mrs. Fabianovicz— 2,328  
Mrs. Oppenborn— 2,317  
Mrs. Lynn— 938  
Mrs. Messina— 908  
Ms. Elliott— 879  
Mrs. Robinson— 857

Mrs. Peploe— 787  
Mrs. Finch— 745  
Ms. Sheppard— 705  
Mrs. Fullerton— 656  
Mrs. Minklei— 643  
Mrs. Heacox— 605

Keep collecting! We will continue to add to the classroom totals until May 2014. The winner will be announced and also will receive a Pizza Party!



## Students of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS to March's Students of the Month! These students are being recognized for showing Self Control. This month our theme is Stop. Think. Be cool. These students have demonstrated being in charge of their behavior and thinking before they act. Way to go!

**Mrs. Finch:** Kurt Powell

**Ms. Elliott:** Dominick Johnson

**Mrs. Fullerton:** John Walker

**Mrs. Oppenborn:** Rocco Lacivita

**Mrs. Messina:** Antonio Chichura

**Mrs. Fabianovicz:** Molly Taylor

**Miss Sheppard:** Alexis West

**Mrs. Robinson:** Amelia Ruggiero

**Mrs. Minklei:** William Shea

**Mrs. Peploe:** Alexander Armitage

**Mrs. Heacox:** Frankie Tusio

**Mrs. Lynn:** Heather Butler

**Miss Avner:** Aaliyah Hampton

**Ms. Dixon(Music):** Avianna McIntosh

**Mrs. Dalmasi(Spanish):** Jayme Sooy

**Mrs. McMahon(Library):** Kemoi Jones

**Mr. Rivera(Art):** Jade Cortes

**Mr. Slater(P.E.):** Dean Siedlecki